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HLA-A2.1 BINDING PEPTIDES AND

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COMMUNICATION WITH EXAMINER SCHWADRON REGARDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Ronald B. Schwadron

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Abandonment issued on November 15, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application (as per your instructions via voice mail to my secretary). It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. A Response to Restriction Requirement (responding to the March 27, 2000, Office Action) was timely filed on July 27, 2000. A petition for extending the response time from April 27, 2000 to July 27, 2000 was also submitted. The appropriate fee was charged to the deposit account.

Attached herewith is a copy of the returned Postcard from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that Applicant's July 27, 2000 submission was timely received by the Patent Office on August 1, 2000. Also attached herewith is a copy of Applicant's July 27, 2000 submission including:

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- 1) Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (1 page);
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement (10 pages); and
- 3) Copy of return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that examination of the above-identified application be resumed and the July 27, 2000 Response to Restriction Requirement be considered and made of record in the above-identified application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to <u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. 399632589000. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

December 14, 2000

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Comments: Please find communication from Kate Murashige dated December 14, 2000; Petition to Extend Time; Response to Restriction Requirement; and copy of Return Postcard for the abovereferenced patent application.